

2005-06 HONOLULU CHARTER COMMISSION
CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

1. Provide a brief description of the purpose of the proposed charter amendment; include a description of the problem the proposal would address and how the proposal would address the problem:

Since a capital budget is supposed to be a 5 or 6 year plan, few municipalities lapse capital appropriations. The 1956-57 Honolulu Charter Commission chose to lapse capital funds after 12 months so that the administration would have to re-justify a project to the city council. Given the brief time allowed, the 1971-72 Charter Commission extended the period to 18 months. In the 33 years that have passed since the last adjustment, the number of permits required before construction has greatly increased. The time it takes to obtain each permit has also greatly increased. As a result, in order to encumber capital funds, the process has often been rushed leading to change orders and cost overruns. Although the administration is working to streamline its internal CIP process, increasing the period for which capital appropriations are valid will allow the departments involved time to obtain permits and complete the planning and design processes without undue haste. This should help control excessive costs.

2. If applicable, list the charter provision(s) proposed to be deleted or amended:

Section 9-106 3(a), RCH

3. If the proposal is based on a provision or provisions in the charter or law of another jurisdiction, name the jurisdiction and, if possible, attach a copy of the relevant provision(s).

NA

4. If the proposal is based on any written materials you have, please attach a copy with a citation to its source.

NA

5. Attach the text of the proposed charter amendment in Ramseyer format (see below).

Ramseyer Format:

If proposing an amendment to existing Charter provisions, indicate, by underscoring, any language being proposed to be added to the Charter and indicate, by bracketing, any language being proposed to be deleted from the Charter.

3. Administration and enforcement of the executive capital budget ordinance:
 - (a) Appropriations authorized in the executive capital budget ordinance or any supplementary appropriation shall be considered valid only for the fiscal year for which made and for twelve [six] months thereafter, and any part of such appropriations which is not expended or encumbered shall lapse twelve [six] months after the end of the fiscal year. Agencies authorized to make expenditures under the executive capital budget ordinance may proceed without other authority from the council to incur obligations or make expenditures for proper purposes to the extent that the moneys are available.